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SUBJECT: PM FUKUDA REMARKS TO NATIONAL PRESS CLUB OF JAPAN

SUMMARY: PM FUKUDA MADE REMARKS AND HAD Q & A AT LUNCHEON MEETING OF NIHON KISHA CLUB FEB 15 IN WHICH HE REITERATED COMMITMENT TO ACHIEVE 6.5-7 PERCENT GROWTH RATE BECAUSE "THE WORLD EXPECTS IT" AND "WHATEVER SACRIFICES JAPAN MAKES ARE FOR HER OWN GOOD AS WELL AS FOR THE REST OF THE WORLD." ON QUESTION ABOUT JAPAN'S FREE RIDE ON DEFENSE FUKUDA SAID JAPAN MUST BEAR SUCH CRITICISM BUT CAN CONTRIBUTE TO STABILITY AND SECURITY OF REGION BY GIVING GREATER AID TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, MAIN POINTS FOLLOWS:

1. PM FUKUDA'S REMARKS TO NATIONAL PRESS CLUB IN TOKYO WERE WIDE RANGING OUTLINE OF PROSPECTS FOR THE YEAR. HE SAID THAT THIS YEAR ALSO WOULD BE A YEAR OF ECONOMICS AND DIPLOMACY.

2. ON ECONOMICS FUKUDA SAID WORLD ECON SITUATION MORE SERIOUS THAN PRE-WAR. NEXT ECON SUMMIT MORE
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IMPORTANT THAN LAST AND SUCCESS DEPENDS UPON VARIOUS PRE-ADJUSTMENTS. PRESS CONCENTRATED TOO MUCH ON BEEF AND ORANGE ISSUES IN THE COMMUNIQUE WHEN CENTRAL THEME OF U.S.-JAPAN ECON TALKS WAS WORLD ECONOMY AND NECESSARY ADJUSTMENT BETWEEN TWO TOP ECONOMIES. U.S. SAID WOULD TRY TO STABILIZE DOLLAR BY PASSING ENERGY BILL WITHIN 90 DAYS. JAPAN SAID WOULD TRY

TO DRASTICALLY REDUCE SURPLUS. BELIEVE SIMILAR
TALKS WITH EC WILL PROVE SUCCESSFUL. JAPAN MUST NOT
TAKE NATIONALISTIC STANCE AND MUST ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY
TO MAKE CONTRIBUTION TO WORLD ECONOMIC ORDEER.
NECESSARY SACRIFICE GOOD FOR JAPAN AND ENTIRE WORLD.

3. JAPANESE ECONOMY ONE YEAR BEHIND SCHEDULE, PRESENT
PRODUCTION LEVEL 78 PERCENT AND CAPACITY UTILIZATION 86 PERCENT.
THIS YEAR HOPE TO RAISE TO 85 PERCENT AND 96 PERCENT LEVELS
RESPECTIVELY.
THIS WILL DEPEND ON INCREASE IN DOMESTIC DEMAND. GOVT
SPENDING MOST EFFECTIVE WAY AND REFLECTED IN 15 MONTH
BUDGET. MAJOR INVESTMENTS BY INDUSTRY IN ELECTRIC
POWER FACILITIES ALSO POSSIBLE. CONSUMER SPENDING
INCREASE DOUBTFUL.

4. NOT EASY REDUCE \$10 BIL SURPLUS ONE IN ONE YEAR.
NEED 6.5 TO 7 PERCENT GROWTH IN 1979 AND 1980 ALSO.
MUST DO BEST TO ACHIEVE THESE GROWTH RATES. THE
WORLD EXPECTS IT.

5. TWO MAJOR PENDING DIPLOMATIC ISSUES TREATIES WITH
PRC AND USSR. JAPAN FAR FROM SIGNING PEACE TREATY
WITH SOVIETS BECAUSE OF NORTHERN TERRITORIES AND
OTHER ISSUES BUT TIME IS RIPE FOR TREATY WITH PRC.
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STEPS AND TIMING FOR RESUMPTION OF TALKS.

6. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON JAPAN'S "FREE RIDE" ON
DEFENSE PM SAID JAPAN MUST ENDURE CRITICISM BUT COULD
CONTRIBUTE TO SECURITY AND IN REGIN BY MORE AID TO
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. SAID PLANTED GOOD SAPLING
AT ASEAN LAST YEAR BUT MUST KEEP IT GROWING BY POLICY
COMMITMENT OF FUNDS. JAPAN UNIQUE AS MAJOR ECON
POWER WITH NO MILITARY STRENGTH DEPENDING UPON U.S.
FOR DEFENSE. "IN INTER-DEPENDENT WORLD, CONCEPT OF
MAINTAINING PEACE THROUGH POWER BALANCES WILL BECOME
MORE AND MORE UNREALISTIC. JAPAN'S IS THE CORRECT
PATH. SHE CAN CAN CONTRIBUTE TO WORLD PEACE AND STABILITY."
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